

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: The City of Whitewater has several advisory Boards and Commissions. Committees are made up of a combination of citizens and representatives from Council and/or other Boards and Commissions. Boards in the City include:**

**ALCOHOL LICENSING COMMITTEE:** Committee consisting of three Council representatives. Committee meets for purpose of hearing appeals of denied alcohol license applications and to hear requests for alcohol licenses. Meets as needed and serves in advisory capacity to Common Council.

**BIRGE FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE:** Created pursuant to Chapter 2.53 of the Whitewater Municipal Code. Committee includes one Council Representative, one Landmarks Commission Representative, one Public Works Representative, and four citizen members. Purpose of Committee is to oversee the maintenance of the Birge Fountain, which is located in front of the White Memorial Building at 402 W. Main Street. Meet as needed.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Created pursuant to Chapter 2.60 of the Municipal Code (and Wisconsin Statutes). Membership includes City Manager, City Clerk in a non-voting capacity, and Common Council members who are serving the second year of their council term. The Board meets annually in early May, with subsequent dates, if needed, selected at that meeting. On years where there are only four members, a fifth member will be appointed by the Common Council. The purpose of the Committee is to hear appeals of property owners who believe their property assessment is incorrect.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Created pursuant to Ch. 19.72 of the Municipal Code and the Wisconsin Statutes. BZA consists of five members appointed by the Common Council for three-year terms. There are also three alternate members. If there are cases, the Board meets the 4th Thursday of each month. If the 4th Thursday falls on a holiday, an alternate date can be selected. Quorum is four members of the Board, and a minimum of four votes is required in order to grant a variance.

**CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE:** Created pursuant to Ch. 5.64 of the Municipal Code, and comprised of seven members from the Whitewater Community and surrounding area, appointed by Common Council. Members serve three-year staggered terms and meet on call. The charge of the Committee is to oversee the local Cable T.V. operation.

**DISABILITY RIGHTS COMMITTEE:** Formed pursuant to Ch. 2.46 of the Whitewater Municipal Code for the purpose of hearing concerns filed by citizens. Committee consists of five members, appointed by the Common Council. Meet as needed.

**COMMON COUNCIL:** Governing body consisting of seven elected positions. There is one representative for each of the five aldermanic districts in the City, and there are two at-large member positions. Odd number districts are up for election in odd years, and seats for even-numbered districts are up for election in even-numbered years. One Councilmember-at-Large seat is open each calendar year. Council meetings are normally held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, and begin at 6:30 p.m. Terms are for two years, and elections for Councilmembers occur the 1st Tuesday in April.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Formed pursuant to Charter Ordinance 4, and amended by Charter Ordinance 5. Committee consists of seven city-resident members, two members of which shall be members of the Common Council. One member shall be a Plan Commission representative. Terms are for four years. Meetings are normally held on the 4th Monday at 4:30 p.m. There are often additional meeting dates. The CDA promotes and oversees the development of the Community and the Business Park.

**ETHICS COMMITTEE:** Formed pursuant to Section 7.04 of the Municipal Code. Committee consists of five regular members and one alternate member. Members are appointed by the Common Council.

Office terms are three years. Committee meets to review formal complaints filed relating to alleged unethical behavior of Governmental employees.

**LANDMARKS COMMISSION:** Formed pursuant to Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code. Consists of seven members, appointed by the Common Council. There are seven members, one of which shall be a Council Representative. Terms for members are for three years. Committee oversees local Landmarks, designate additional Landmarks, and provides educational opportunity to the public relating to historical matters. Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month.

**LIBRARY BOARD:** Created pursuant to Ch. 2.56 of the Whitewater Municipal Code, and per Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 43. Membership consists of seven members appointed by the Common Council. Not more than two members can be residents of Townships adjacent to the municipality. Appointments are for three years, expiring on July 1st of the appropriate year. One member is to be a School District representative. Nor more than one member of a municipal governing body shall be a member of the Library Board. The Library Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD:** Created pursuant to Ch. 2.52 of the Whitewater Municipal Code. the Board consists of seven members. Four of the citizen members shall be residents of the City or of the Whitewater School District. Three ex-officio members shall not have specified residency requirements. Ex-officio members will serve as long as they are holding office or are a representative of the following organization: 1) School District Representative; 2) Common Councilmember; 3) UW-W Representative. Terms are for three years. Park and Recreation Board meets monthly.

**PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION:** Formed pursuant to Ch. 19.06 of the Whitewater Municipal Code. Membership consists of the Chairperson of the Park & Recreation Board or their designee; one Councilmember, and five citizens. there shall be three alternate members (one being a member of the Common Council, and the remaining two being citizen members). Terms are for three years. Meetings are normally held the 2nd Monday of each month.

**POLICE COMMISSION:** Commission established pursuant to Ch. 2.28 of the Municipal Code as well as Wisconsin Statutes. Membership consists of five members appointed by the Common Council. One member is a Common Council Representative. Terms are for a five year period.

**URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION:** Committee established in 2009. Commission shall consist of seven members, consisting of one Plan Commission Representative; one Park and Recreation Board Representative, and five citizen members. Citizen terms shall be three years.